



Trash & Recycling Updates, etc...

OCTOBER THROUGH DECEMBER 2013

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TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICE

The week of **Columbus Day, October 14** - No change.

The week of **Veteran's Day, November 11** - No change.

The week of **Thanksgiving, November 28** - Thursday service will be on Friday.

The week of **Christmas, December 25** - Wednesday service will be on Thursday, Thursday service will be on Friday.

The week of **New Years, January 1** - Wednesday service will be on Thursday, Thursday service will be on Friday.

TRASH SERVICE CHANGES

After 23 years, we say good-bye to the employees of F.W. Mayo and Sons. Many of you have expressed appreciation for the service they provided. Others have asked why they are no longer providing trash and recycling collection.

The Town went out to bid for this service as the contract was nearing its end. The bid was to continue manual trash service, with an alternate bid for automated service (the most common collection method today). F.W. Mayo did not bid on either option. Diane and Phil Mitchell, two of the primary drivers, are retiring from the trash business, which may have something to do with this small family business's decision not to bid.

There were two responses to the bid, one from a Southington company with very little residential experience and the other from Willimantic Waste Paper Company (WWP) for automated service. WWP currently does the Town's multi-family collection. Automated service uses standardized containers that are grabbed by the truck's mechanical arm, lifted overhead and emptied into the truck. This method of collecting significantly reduces employee back injuries. There are few companies left that offer manual service like Mayo and Sons.

With automated service, we have had to let go of two special features – the in-yard collection and the very small trash service level, called “min-mini service”. For seniors and residents with mobility limitations, we are sorry that we had to discontinue them. We know this adds stress to figuring out how to cope with this change.

Automated service is new to us all. As problems arise, we will seek the best solutions. We are already working with WWP to reduce the size of the recycling container for some residents who may find the 64 gallon recycling container too difficult to maneuver.

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Do you have elders or residents with impaired mobility in your neighborhood or along your road? They may need help getting the new trash and recycling cans out to the curb. Please remember to check in with your neighborhood's elders or mobility impaired to make sure they are getting the help they need to cope with this change.

SHREDDED PAPER

Shredded paper is recyclable as long as it is placed in *paper* bags or cardboard boxes with lids. Place in the blue recycling container. Please do not place shredded paper in *plastic* bags.

**PLASTIC BAG
RECYCLING**

Please do not put plastic bags of any kind in the blue recycling container. Plastic bags, such as grocery bags, can be recycled at the Mansfield transfer station, Big-Y and Staples. Any stretchy plastic bag can be recycled. Press your thumb into the plastic. If it gives without breaking, recycle it. Remove receipts and all food residue.

WRAPPING PAPER

Please recycle non-metallic wrapping paper, tissue paper and gift boxes. Place in the blue recycling container.

**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS
RECYCLING**

Recycle your string of lights that no longer work by bringing them to the Mansfield transfer station. They will be recycled with other wire products. *Please do not place them in the blue recycling container.*

**PAINT RECYCLING AT
TRANSFER STATION**

The Mansfield Transfer Station is accepting latex and oil-based paint in containers of 5 gallons or less. Spray paint still need to be taken to the Willington Chemical Waste Drop-Off Facility. Connecticut passed a law in 2011 requiring paint manufacturers to take back left over paint. The latex paint will be recycled and the oil-based paint will be treated as hazardous waste.

**HOUSEHOLD
HAZARDOUS WASTE
FACILITY**

The Regional Chemical Waste Drop-Off Facility, located on Hancock Road in Willington, will be open Oct 5 & 19 and Nov 2, 2013. The hours are 9 am to 2 pm for residential hazardous waste disposal. For more information call 860-429-3333 or go to www.mansfieldct.org/hhw.

**FESTIVAL ON THE
GREEN**

Mansfield celebrated its tenth Festival on the Green Sunday, September 22, 2013. A concerted effort was made to minimize the amount of waste. By composting the food service items (paper plates, paper bowls and utensils made from potatoes) and recycling cans, cups, bottles, cardboard and paper, 87% of the day's waste was composted and recycled. The total amount that visitors and vendors tossed out was 151 pounds. Of that, 43 pounds were recycled and 88 pounds were composted. The 20 pounds remaining was trash. This means that for the whole Festival the equivalent of only one small-sized trash bag was produced!

**EXTRA HOUSEHOLD
TRASH COLLECTION**

The week of December 23 you may put out extra household garbage on your collection day. Extra garbage does not include bulky items, which should be taken to the transfer station. *Please note, non-metallic wrapping paper, tissue paper and gift boxes should be recycled.*

**EMERGENCY
NOTIFICATION**

To be informed of trash service changes due to an emergency, sign up for e-mail notification. Go to www.mansfieldct.gov. Click on the E-mail notification tab. Select the Press Releases and/or Environmental Programs boxes.